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Title: Need to ensure affordable cancer drugs in India.

SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA (BALASORE): The estimated number of cancer cases in India for 2016 are around 14.5 lakh, which is estimated to go up to 17.2 lakh cases by 2020. It has also been observed that the number of deaths due to cancer in 2016 is estimated to be around 50% of the cases. The survival rate of cancer patients in India when compared to other countries is also poor. amidst this, a recent global study revealed that even though the cancer drugs in India are much cheaper than other developed countries, still the drugs are not affordable. After calculating price as a percentage of wealth adjusted for the cost of living, cancer drugs appear to be least affordable in India and China. Therefore, I urge the Government to intervene in the matter and ensure that cancer drugs are available at affordable prices to all the needy.